

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY MINUTES
NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MINUTES
NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MINUTES

January 26, 2010

The City Council of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building on the 26th day of January, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray and at the Norman Public Library at 225 North Webster 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
ABSENT:	None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Wilson Elementary School.

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Item 3, being:

PRESENTATION OF THE MAYOR'S CITIZENSHIP AWARDS TO STUDENTS FROM WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Mayor Rosenthal and Councilmember Dillingham presented Citizenship Awards to students Olivia Boyer, Serenity Dixon, Espy Fuentes, Caitlynn George, Monica Gonzalez, Urias Rojo Gonzalez, Tiffany Kimberlin, Nicole Moss, Isabella Nava, Connor Neal, Cody Owen, Kye Richesin, and Krista Skinner. Ms. Cindy Pennington, Gifted and Talented Coordinator at Wilson Elementary School, said the students were selected as representatives of good citizens of Wilson Elementary School.

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Item 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FROM THE OKLAHOMA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO CITY OF NORMAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COMPLETED 25 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE, RICK BACON, K.C. DAY, BRENT HOPKINS, TIM MCDERMOTT, KIM MITCHELL, AND JOE SMITH, FIRE DEPARTMENT; LISA KRIEG, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; TOM EASLEY, CAROLYN GLOVER, MIKE ISAAC, JIM MAISANO, GEORGE MAULDIN, AND RICK SELLARS, POLICE DEPARTMENT; VONDALE SALEM, FINANCE DEPARTMENT; THOMAS GRADY, JAMES JONES, PRESTON WHITE, AND SCOTTIE WILLIAMS, SANITATION DIVISION; JIM ANDREWS AND RICHARD RODGERS, STREET DIVISION; STEVEN HARDEMAN, WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND RALPH CAGIGAL; WESTWOOD GOLF COURSE.

Mayor Rosenthal and Mayor Pro Tem Cubberley presented awards and pins from the Oklahoma Municipal League to City of Norman employees who have completed 25 years of continuous service. Brent Hopkins, Tim McDermott, and Kim Mitchell, Fire Department; Lisa Krieg, Planning and Community Development; Jim Maisano and Rick Sellars, Police Department; Vondale Salem, Finance Department; Thomas Grady, Preston White, and Scottie Williams, Sanitation Division; Jim Andrews and Richard Rodgers, Street Division; Steven Hardeman, Wastewater Treatment Plant; and Ralph Cagigal, Westwood Golf Course, were present to accept their awards.

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CONSENT DOCKET

Councilmember Kovach moved that Item 6 through Item 27 be placed on the consent docket by unanimous vote, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Cubberley and the question being upon the placement on the consent docket by unanimous vote of Item 6 through Item 27, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Item 6 through Item 27 were placed on the consent docket by unanimous vote.

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Item 6, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS:

- CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2010
- CITY COUNCIL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2010
- PUBLIC WATER FORUM, SERIES 1, MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2010
- CITY COUNCIL PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2010
- CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010
- CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010
- NORMAN UTILITIES AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010
- NORMAN MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010
- NORMAN TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010

Acting as the City Council, Norman Utilities Authority, Norman Municipal Authority, and Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority, Councilmember Kovach moved that the minutes be approved and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

- Items submitted for the record
- 1. City Council Study Session minutes of January 5, 2010
 - 2. City Council Oversight Committee minutes of January 6, 2010
 - 3. Public Water Forum Series 1, minutes of January 7, 2010
 - 4. City Council Planning and Community Development minutes of January 8, 2010
 - 5. City Council Conference minutes of January 12, 2010
 - 6. City Council minutes of January 12, 2010
 - 7. Norman Utilities Authority minutes of January 12, 2010
 - 8. Norman Municipal Authority minutes of January 12, 2010
 - 9. Norman Tax Increment Finance Authority minutes of January 12, 2010

and the question being upon approving the minutes and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the minutes approved; and the filing thereof was directed.

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Item 7, being:

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. O-0910-14 UPON FIRST READING BY TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING SECTION 460 OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORMAN SO AS TO PLACE A TRACT OF LAND LYING WITHIN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE INDIAN MERIDIAN, CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA, IN THE PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, AND REMOVE THE SAME FROM THE A-2, RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT, OF SAID CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF. (GENERALLY LOCATED BETWEEN INDIAN HILLS ROAD AND FRANKLIN ROAD AND BETWEEN 36TH AVENUE N.W. AND 48TH AVENUE N.W.)

Councilmember Kovach moved that the ordinance be Introduced and adopted upon First Reading by title, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated January 15, 2010, from Doug Koscinski, AICP, Manager, Current Planning Division, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
2. Ordinance No. O-0910-14 with Exhibit A, site development plans
3. Location map
4. Planned Unit Development Narrative for J & J Properties Addition dated November 9, 2009, and revised January 11, 2010, submitted by Sean Paul Rieger, the Rieger Law Group, with Exhibit A, Proposed Preliminary Plat; Exhibit B, Proposed Preliminary Site Development Plan; Exhibit C, Proposed Open Space Areas; Exhibit D, Proposed Zoning Districts; Exhibit E, Proposed 48th Avenue N.W., Right-of-Way Development; and Exhibit F, Proposed Fencing Around Swimming Pools in Single Family Districts
5. Staff Report dated January 14, 2010, recommending approval
6. Protest and Support Area Map showing 44.3% support and 3.9% protest
7. Letter of protest dated December 7, 2009, from William C. Henley, Attorney at Law, to Planning and Community Development, City of Norman
8. Statement of Support dated December 2, 2009, from Donald J. Kyte, Manager of J & J Properties, to Norman City Council, City of Norman Planning Commission, and City of Norman Planning Department
9. Statement of Support dated December 23, 2009, from Dan Reeves, Managing Partner of Landmark Fine Homes, L.P., to Norman City Council, City of Norman Planning Commission, and City of Norman Planning Department
10. Statement of Support dated December 24, 2009, from Richard McKown, Manager of Carrington Place, L.L.C., to Norman City Council, City of Norman Planning Commission, and City of Norman Planning Department
11. Statement of Support dated December 24, 2009, from Elizabeth McKown to Norman City Council, City of Norman Planning Commission, and City of Norman Planning Department
12. Statement of Support dated January 11, 2010, from Sassan K. Moghadam, Manager of L&S Development, L.L.C., to Norman City Council, City of Norman Planning Commission, and City of Norman Planning Department
13. Statement of Support dated January 11, 2010, from Sassan K. Moghadam to Norman City Council, City of Norman Planning Commission, and City of Norman Planning Department
14. Statement of Support from Anthony Mirzaie, Manager of Westpoint Developers, L.L.C., to Norman City Council, City of Norman Planning Commission, and City of Norman Planning Department
15. Pertinent excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of January 14, 2010

and the question being upon the Introduction and adoption of the ordinance upon First Reading by title, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance were Introduced, read, and adopted upon First Reading by title.

Item 8, being:

CONSIDERATION OF THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF STEVEN MCKINZEY TO THE LIBRARY BOARD AND NINA FLANNERY TO THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.

Councilmember Kovach moved that the appointments be confirmed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith; and the question being upon confirming the appointments, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the appointments was confirmed.

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Item 9, being:

SUBMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009, AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

Councilmember Kovach moved that receipt of the report be acknowledged and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record
1. Finance Director's Investment Report of December 31, 2009

and the question being upon acknowledging receipt of the report and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and receipt of the report acknowledged; and the filing thereof was directed.

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Item 10, being:

SUBMISSION AND ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THE MONTHLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2009, AND DIRECTING THE FILING THEREOF.

Councilmember Kovach moved that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record
1. Monthly Departmental Reports for the month of December, 2009

and the question being upon acknowledging receipt of the reports and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and receipt of the reports acknowledged; and the filing thereof was directed.

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Item 11, being:

CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM THE COORDINATOR OF THE MEDIEVAL FAIR TO PAY EXPENSES FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT REAVES PARK TO ACCOMMODATE FUTURE NEEDS FOR THE MEDIEVAL FAIR AND THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Councilmember Kovach moved that a request from the Coordinator of the Medieval Fair to pay expenses for installation of additional electrical service at Reaves Park be approved and the improvements estimated at \$8,723 be accepted on behalf of the City of Norman, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated December 31, 2009, from Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, to Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
- 2. Letter of request dated December 30, 2009, from Linda Linn, Coordinator, Medieval Fair, to Mr. Foster

and the question being upon approving a request from the Coordinator of the Medieval Fair to pay expenses for installation of additional electrical service at Reaves Park and upon the subsequent acceptance, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and a request from the Coordinator of the Medieval Fair to pay expenses for installation of additional electrical service at Reaves Park approved; and the improvements estimated at \$8,723 were accepted on behalf of the City of Norman.

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Councilmember Quinn asked that he be allowed to abstain from voting on Item 12 due to a conflict of interest. Thereupon, Councilmember Dillingham moved that Councilmember Quinn be allowed to abstain from voting on Item 12 due to a conflict of interest, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Atkins; and the question being upon allowing Councilmember Quinn to abstain from voting on Item 12 due to a conflict of interest, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Quinn

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Councilmember Quinn was allowed to abstain from voting on Item 12 due to a conflict of interest.

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Item 12, being:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL A FINAL PLAT FOR SUMMIT LAKES ADDITION, SECTION 10, AND ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC DEDICATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN.

Councilmember Kovach moved that the final plat be approved; the public dedications contained within the plat be accepted; the Mayor be authorized to sign the final plat and subdivision and maintenance bonds subject to the City Development Committee’s acceptance of all required public improvements; and the filing of the final plat be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated January 7, 2010, from Ken Danner, Development Manager, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
- 2. Location map
- 3. Revised preliminary plat
- 4. Final plat
- 5. Staff Report dated March 13, 2008, recommending approval
- 6. Pertinent excerpts from Planning Commission minutes of March 13, 2008

Item 12, continued:

and the question being upon approving the final plat and upon the subsequent acceptance, authorization, and directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember Quinn

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the final plat approved; the public dedications contained within the plat were accepted, the Mayor was authorized to sign the final plat and subdivision and maintenance bonds subject to the City Development Committee’s acceptance of all required public improvements, and the filing of the final plat was directed.

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Item 13, being:

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT TO ENCROACHMENT NO. 0910-3 FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 1, AND LOT 1, BLOCK 4, TECUMSEH RIDGE SECTION II ADDITION. (3436 DEREK LANE AND 229 DOLLINA COURT)

Councilmember Kovach moved that Consent to Encroachment No. 0910-3 be approved and the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated January 11, 2010, from R. Blaine Nice, Assistant City Attorney, through Jeff Harley Bryant, City Attorney, to the Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
- 2. Consent to Encroachment No. 0910-3
- 3. Letter of request dated November 2, 2009, from David Yazdanipناه, Field Coordinator, Home Creations, to Mary Hatley, City Clerk
- 4. Agreement dated October 15, 2009, between Green Hill Builders, L.L.C., and Tecumseh Ridge Home Owners Association
- 5. Conceptual drawings for entry walls
- 6. Memorandum dated November 16, 2009, from Brenda Hall, City Clerk, to Jeff Bryant, City Attorney; Doug Kosciński, Current Planning Manager; Ken Danner, Development Coordinator; and Ken Komiske, Director of Utilities
- 7. Memorandum dated December 16, 2009, from Doug Kosciński, AICP, Manager of Current Planning, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
- 8. Memorandum dated January 5, 2010, from Jim Speck, Capital Projects Engineer, to Brenda Hall, City Clerk
- 9. Memorandum dated January 19, 2010, from Ken Danner, Development Coordinator, to Blaine Nice, Assistant City Attorney
- 10. Letter dated December 8, 2009, from Marshall Birchett, Right-of-Way Agent, Cox Communications, Inc., to Ken Danner, Planning and Community Development
- 11. Letter dated January 29, 2009, from Terri Hayes, Manager – OSP Planning and Engineering Design, Norman/Noble Wire Centers, AT&T, to Whom It May Concern
- 12. Letter dated December 10, 2009, from Timothy J. Bailey, Right-of-Way Agent, OG&E Electric Services, to Ken Danner, Development Coordinator
- 13. Pertinent excerpts from City Council minutes of February 27, 2007

and the question being upon approving Consent to Encroachment No. 0910-3 and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Consent to Encroachment No. 0910-3 approved; and the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk was directed.

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Item 14, being:

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT TO ENCROACHMENT NO. 0910-5 FOR LOT 7, BLOCK 2, BROOKHAVEN ADDITION, SECTION 40. (2100 BROOKHAVEN BOULEVARD)

Councilmember Kovach moved that Consent to Encroachment No. 0910-5 be approved and the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated January 5, 2010, from R. Blaine Nice, Assistant City Attorney, through Jeff Harley Bryant, City Attorney, to the Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
2. Consent to Encroachment No. 0910-5
3. Location maps
4. Letter of request dated December 8, 2009, from Rick L. Byrd to Ken Danner, Development Coordinator
5. Letter dated December 3, 2009, from Terri Hayes, Manager – OSP Planning and Engineering Design, Norman/Noble Wire Centers, AT&T, to Whom It May Concern
6. Letter of no objection dated November 17, 2009, from Jevin Scholle, South Metro Field Tech II, Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, to Rick L. Byrd
7. Letter dated November 13, 2009, from Timothy J. Bailey, Right-of-Way Agent, OG&E Electric Services, to Rick L. Byrd, Precision Builders
8. Email dated November 12, 2009, from Thad Peterson, Oklahoma Electric Cooperative, to Rick Byrd
9. Letter dated November 12, 2009, from Marshall Birchett, Right-of-Way Agent, Cox Communications, Inc., to Rick Byrd, Precision Builders
10. Memorandum dated December 9, 2009, from Brenda Hall, City Clerk, to Jeff Bryant, City Attorney; Doug Koscinski, Current Planning Manager; Ken Danner, Development Coordinator; and Ken Komiske, Director of Utilities
11. Memorandum dated January 5, 2010, from Jim Speck, Capital Projects Engineer, to Brenda Hall, City Clerk
12. Memorandum dated January 19, 2010, from Doug Koscinski, AICP, Manager of Current Planning, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
13. Memorandum dated January 7, 2010, from Ken Danner, Development Manager, to Blaine Nice, Assistant City Attorney

and the question being upon approving Consent to Encroachment No. 0910-5 and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Consent to Encroachment No. 0910-5 approved; and the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk was directed.

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Item 15, being:

SPECIAL CLAIM NO. 0910-4: A CLAIM IN THE REDUCED AMOUNT OF \$5,400 SUBMITTED BY TERRY PEASEL FOR DAMAGES TO HIS DRIVEWAY AND TIN HORN FROM SANITATION TRUCKS USING HIS DRIVEWAY TO TURN-AROUND AT 3907 DELLA STREET.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Special Claim No. 0910-4 be approved and payment in the reduced amount of \$5,400 be directed contingent upon obtaining a Release and Covenant Not to Sue from Terry Peasel, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated January 13, 2010, from R. Blaine Nice, Assistant City Attorney, through Jeff Harley Bryant, City Attorney, to the Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
2. Special Claim No. 0910-4 received June 9, 2009, submitted by Terry Peasel in the amount of \$8,988
3. Estimate dated May 6, 2009, from C & A Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$8,988
4. Memorandum dated June 9, 2009, from Brenda Hall, City Clerk, to Ken Komiske, Director of Utilities, and Jeff Bryant, City Attorney
5. Memorandum dated June 19, 2009, from Gary L. Seal, Utilities Supervisor, to Brenda Hall, City Clerk
6. Photographs of damages to driveway

Item 15, continued:

and the question being upon approving Special Claim No. 0910-4 and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Special Claim No. 0910-4 approved; and payment in the reduced amount of \$5,400 was directed contingent upon obtaining a Release and Covenant Not to Sue from Terry Peasel.

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Item 16, being:

LIMITED LICENSE NO. 0910-7: A LIMITED LICENSE TO PLACE FIFTY (50) SIGNS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FROM THE NORMAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Limited License No. 0910-7 to place fifty (50) signs within the public rights-of-way pursuant to a request from Norman Youth Soccer Association be approved and the issuance thereof be authorized, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

- Items submitted for the record
- 1. Memorandum dated January 12, 2010, from Wayne D. Stenis, AICP, Planner II, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers, Norman City Council
 - 2. Application for Limited License dated January 8, 2010, for 50 signs from Norman Youth Soccer Association
 - 3. Location map
 - 4. Limited License No. 0910-7

and the question being upon approving Limited License No. 0910-7 to place fifty (50) signs within the public rights-of-way pursuant to a request from Norman Youth Soccer Association and upon the subsequent authorization, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Limited License No. 0910-7 to place fifty (50) signs within the public rights-of-way pursuant to a request from Norman Youth Soccer Association approved; and the issuance thereof was authorized.

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Item 17, being:

LIMITED LICENSE NO. 0910-8: A LIMITED LICENSE TO PLACE FOUR (4) SIGNS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY PURSUANT TO A REQUEST FROM THE FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE NORMAN LIBRARY FOR THE ROMANCE BOOK SALE.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Limited License No. 0910-8 to place four (4) signs within the public rights-of-way pursuant to a request from Friends of the Norman Library be approved and the issuance thereof be authorized, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

- Items submitted for the record
- 1. Memorandum dated January 13, 2010, from Wayne D. Stenis, AICP, Planner II, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers, Norman City Council
 - 2. Letter of request dated January 12, 2010, from Simon H. Rudnick, 2010 Romance Book Sale Co-Chair, to Brenda Hall, City Clerk
 - 3. Application for Limited License dated January 12, 2010, for four signs from Friends of the Norman Library
 - 4. Location map
 - 5. Limited License No. 0910-8

Item 17, continued:

and the question being upon approving Limited License No. 0910-8 to place four (4) signs within the public rights-of-way pursuant to a request from Friends of the Norman Library and upon the subsequent authorization, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Limited License No. 0910-8 to place four (4) signs within the public rights-of-way pursuant to a request from Friends of the Norman Library approved; and the issuance thereof was authorized.

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Item 18, being:

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL PAYMENT OF CONTRACT NO. K-0809-144 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND K.C. ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE LITTLE AXE SPORTS FIELD UPGRADE PROJECT.

Councilmember Kovach moved that the project be accepted and final payment in the amount of \$20,603.60 to K.C. Electric Company be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

- Items submitted for the record
- 1. Memorandum dated January 5, 2010, from Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation, to Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
 - 2. Purchase Order No. 174142 dated June 19, 2009, in the amount of \$206,036 subtracting partial payments totaling \$185,432.40 leaving a balance of \$20,603.60

and the question being upon accepting the project and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the project accepted; and final payment in the amount of \$20,603.60 to K.C. Electric Company was directed.

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Item 19, being:

CHANGE ORDER NO. ONE TO CONTRACT NO. K-0910-26: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND CONNELLY PAVING COMPANY INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$9,089.43 AND EXTENDING THE CONTRACT BY TEN CALENDAR DAYS FOR THE EUFAULA STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECONSTRUCTION (CDBG-R) PROJECT FROM CARTER AVENUE TO REED AVENUE AND FINAL ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT OF THE PROJECT.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Change Order No. One to Contract No. K-0910-26 with Connelly Paving Company increasing the contract amount by \$9,089.43 be approved; the execution thereof be authorized; the project be accepted; and final payment in the amount of \$24,574.14 to Connelly Paving Company be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

- Items submitted for the record
- 1. Memorandum dated January 14, 2010, from Linda R. Price, Revitalization Manager, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
 - 2. Change Order No. One to Contract No. K-0910-26
 - 3. Purchase Order No. 176852 dated August 20, 2009, in the amount of \$236,652 subtracting partial payments totaling \$221,167.29 and adding Change Order No. One in the amount of \$9,089.43 leaving a balance of \$24,574.14

Item 19, continued:

and the question being upon approving Change Order No. One to Contract No. K-0910-26 with Connelly Paving Company increasing the contract amount by \$9,089.43 and upon the subsequent authorization, acceptance, and directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Change Order No. One to Contract No. K-0910-26 with Connelly Paving Company increasing the contract amount by \$9,089.43 approved; the execution thereof was authorized, the project was accepted, and final payment in the amount of \$24,574.14 to Connelly Paving Company was directed.

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Item 20, being:

AMENDMENT NO. ONE TO CONTRACT NO. K-0910-35: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND APPOSITE ENGINEERING, L.L.C., INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$14,575 TO INCLUDE THE DESIGN OF SIDEWALKS BETWEEN WOODCREST DRIVE AND ROCK CREEK ROAD AS PART OF THE WIDENING IMPROVEMENTS FOR PORTER AVENUE BETWEEN WOODCREST DRIVE AND APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FEET NORTH OF TECUMSEH ROAD AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Amendment No. One to Contract No. K-0910-35 with Apposite Engineering, L.L.C., increasing the contract amount by \$14,575 be approved, the execution thereof be authorized, and \$14,575 be appropriated from the Capital Fund Balance (050-0000-253.20-00) to Project No. TR0243, Porter Gap Paving, Rock Creek - Tecumseh, Design (050-9366-431.62-01), which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated January 5, 2010, from Lonnie Ferguson, Capital Project Manager, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
- 2. Amendment No. One to Contract No. K-0910-35 with Attachment 1, Compensation for Amendment No. One to Porter Avenue Widening Project, Woodcrest Drive to Approximately 1000 Feet North of Tecumseh Road
- 3. Purchase Requisition No. 0000166807 dated January 19, 2010, in the amount \$14,575 to Apposite Engineering, L.L.C.

and the question being upon approving Amendment No. One to Contract No. K-0910-35 with Apposite Engineering, L.L.C., increasing the contract amount by \$14,575 and upon the subsequent authorization and appropriation, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and Amendment No. One to Contract No. K-0910-35 with Apposite Engineering, L.L.C., increasing the contract amount by \$14,575 approved; the execution thereof was authorized and \$14,575 was appropriated from the Capital Fund Balance (050-0000-253.20-00) to Project No. TR0243, Porter Gap Paving, Rock Creek - Tecumseh, Design (050-9366-431.62-01).

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Item 21, being:

CONTRACT NO. K-0910-127: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AND TINKER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TO SUBORDINATE A LIEN REGARDING FUNDS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) HOME PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2320 LAFAYETTE DRIVE.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Contract No. K-0910-127 with Tinker Federal Credit Union be approved and the execution thereof be authorized, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated January 6, 2010, from Linda Price, Revitalization Manager, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
- 2. Contract No. K-0910-127

and the question being upon approving Contract No. K-0910-127 with Tinker Federal Credit Union and upon the subsequent authorization, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Contract No. K-0910-127 with Tinker Federal Credit Union approved; and the execution thereof was authorized.

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Item 22, being:

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE SOCIAL AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM FOOD AND SHELTER FOR FRIENDS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,529.61 TO COVER RENTAL EXPENSES FOR A RENTAL ASSISTANCE CENTER ESTABLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HOUSING PREVENTION AND RAPID REHOUSING PROGRAM THROUGH THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT NO. K-0910-128.

Councilmember Kovach moved that the recommendation from the Social and Voluntary Services Commission to fund a request in the amount of \$5,529.61 from Food and Shelter for Friends, Inc., be approved and the execution of Contract No. K-0910-128 be authorized, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated January 19, 2010, from Carol Coles, Administrative Assistant, to the Honorable Mayor and Council
- 2. Contract No. K-0910-128
- 3. Pertinent excerpts from Social and Voluntary Services Commission minutes of November 2, 2009
- 4. Purchase Order 182429 dated January 20, 2010, in the amount of \$5,529.61 to Food and Shelter for Friends, Inc.

and the question being upon approving the recommendation from the Social and Voluntary Services Commission to fund a request in the amount of \$5,529.61 from Food and Shelter for Friends, Inc., and upon the subsequent authorization, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal

NAYES: None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the recommendation from the Social and Voluntary Services Commission to fund a request in the amount of \$5,529.61 from Food and Shelter for Friends, Inc., approved; and the execution of Contract No. K-0910-128 was authorized.

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Item 23, being:

CONTRACT NO. K-0910-134: A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA GOVERNMENTS, AND PINNACLE MAPPING TECHNOLOGIES, INC., TO PROVIDE FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, DIGITAL ORTHOPHOTOGRAPHIC DATA, AND PLANIMETRIC MAPPING FOR THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Contract No. K-0910-134 with ACOG and Pinnacle Mapping Technologies, Inc., be approved, the execution of the contract be authorized, and payment be directed to ACOG in the amount of \$51,108.40 and to Pinnacle Mapping Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$59,850, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

1. Memorandum dated January 11, 2010, from Joyce J. Green, Manager of GIS Services, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
2. Tabulation of proposals
3. Central Oklahoma Alliance of Government Agencies (COAGA) Ranking of Proposals
4. Contract No. K-0910-134 with Attachment A, Scope of Work, Digital Orthophotography; Attachment B, Scope of Work, Planimetric Mapping; Attachment C, Schedule of Payment; and Attachment D, City Responsibilities
5. Purchase Requisition No. 0000166525 dated January 11, 2010, in the amount of \$59,850 to Pinnacle Mapping Technologies, Inc.
6. Purchase Requisition No. 0000166521 dated January 11, 2010, in the amount of \$51,108 to ACOG

Participants in discussion

1. Ms. Joyce Green, Manager of GIS Services

and the question being upon approving Contract No. K-0910-134 with ACOG and Pinnacle Mapping Technologies, Inc., and upon the subsequent authorization and directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Contract No. K-0910-134 with ACOG and Pinnacle Mapping Technologies, Inc., approved; the execution of the contract was authorized and payment was directed to ACOG in the amount of \$51,108.40 and to Pinnacle Mapping Technologies, Inc., in the amount of \$59,850.

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Item 24, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-0910-77: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, AUTHORIZING JOINT PETITION SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS BY DAVID H. TEUSCHER UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION STATUTES OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA IN THE CASE OF DAVID H. TEUSCHER V. THE CITY OF NORMAN, WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE NO. WCC *PRO SE*; DIRECTING THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO THEN FILE SUCH SETTLEMENT AND ALL ATTENDANT COSTS IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA; AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBSEQUENTLY PURCHASE SUCH WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT JUDGMENTS FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT INSURANCE FUND.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-0910-77 be adopted and payment of claims which will constitute judgment against the City of Norman be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Item 24, continued:

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated January 6, 2010, from R. Blaine Nice, and Rebecca R. Frazier, Assistant City Attorneys, through Jeff Harley Bryant, City Attorney, to the Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
- 2. Resolution No. R-0910-77
- 3. Purchase Requisition No. 0000166573 dated January 12, 2010, in the amount of \$15,895.50 to David Teuscher
- 4. Purchase Requisition No. 0000166575 dated January 12, 2010, in the amount of \$317.91 to Workers Compensation Administrative Fund
- 5. Purchase Requisition No. 0000166576 dated January 12, 2010, in the amount of \$119.22 to Special Occupational Health and Safety Fund
- 6. Purchase Requisition No. 0000166577 dated January 12, 2010, in the amount of \$75.00 to Workers' Compensation Court Clerk
- 7. Purchase Requisition No. 0000166578 dated January 12, 2010, in the amount of \$119.30 to Cleveland County District Court Clerk

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-0910-77 and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-0910-77 adopted; and payment of claims which will constitute judgment against the City of Norman was directed.

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Item 25, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-0910-86: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, APPROPRIATING \$5,951.39 FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUND BALANCE TO BE USED BY THE NORMAN ARTS COUNCIL AS OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE NO. O-0708-5.

Councilmember Kovach moved that Resolution No. R-0910-86 be adopted, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated January 7, 2010, from Clint Mercer, Chief Accountant, through Anthony Francisco, Director of Finance, to Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
- 2. Norman Arts Council, City of Norman, Summary of Revenue and Disbursements from October 1, 2007, to December 31, 2009
- 3. Resolution No. R-0910-86

and the question being upon adopting Resolution No. R-0910-86, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and Resolution No. R-0910-86 was adopted.

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Item 26, being:

PROCLAMATION NO. P-0910-12: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2010, AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Councilmember Kovach moved that receipt of Proclamation No. P-0910-12 proclaiming the month of February, 2010, as Black History Month in the City of Norman be acknowledged and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Proclamation No. P-0910-12

Participants in discussion

- 1. Ms. Etta Johnson and Ms. Karen Johnson, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council
- 2. State Representative Wallace Collins, presented citations from the State of Oklahoma to Ms. Etta Johnson and Ms. Karen Johnson

and the question being upon acknowledging receipt of Proclamation No. P-0910-12 proclaiming the month of February, 2010, as Black History Month as in the City of Norman and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and receipt of Proclamation No. P-0910-12 proclaiming the month of February, 2010, as Black History Month in the City of Norman acknowledged; and the filing thereof was directed.

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Item 27, being:

PROCLAMATION NO. P-0910-13: A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010, AS MARDI GRAS IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

Councilmember Kovach moved that receipt of Proclamation No. P-0910-13 proclaiming Saturday, February 13, 2010, as Mardi Gras in the City of Norman be acknowledged and the filing thereof be directed, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Griffith;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Proclamation No. P-0910-13

Participants in discussion

- 1. Mr. Ed Kearns, Mardi Gras Parade Chair, accepted the proclamation and thanked the Council

and the question being upon acknowledging receipt of Proclamation No. P-0910-13 proclaiming Saturday, February 13, 2010, as Mardi Gras in the City of Norman and upon the subsequent directive, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and receipt of Proclamation No. P-0910-13 proclaiming Saturday, February 13, 2010, as Mardi Gras in the City of Norman acknowledged; and the filing thereof was directed.

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Item 28, being:

RESOLUTION NO. R-0910-60: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, CONDEMNING THE HEREINAFTER- DESCRIBED PREMISES AS A NUISANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND HEARING THEREOF. (304 SOUTH STEWART AVENUE)

Councilmember Kovach moved that an extension be granted to present demonstrable progress on the exterior and interior with the expectation that the house be finished to meet required codes in six to nine months with an update to City Council every three months beginning April 27, 2010, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Quinn;

Items submitted for the record

- 1. Memorandum dated January 20, 2010, from Linda Price, Revitalization Manager, to Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
- 2. Resolution No. R-0910-60
- 3. Photographs of progress made at 304 South Stewart Avenue
- 4. Pertinent excerpts from City Council minutes of October 27, 2009

Participants in discussion

- 1. Ms. Linda Price, Revitalization Manager

Thereupon, Councilmember Kovach moved to amend the update to City Council from three months to six months, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Ezzell; and the question being upon amending the update to City Council from three months to six months, a vote was taken with the following result;

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and the update to City Council was amended from three months to six months.

and the question being upon granting an extension to present demonstrable progress on the exterior and interior with the expectation that the house be finished to meet required codes in six to nine months with an update to City Council in six months, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
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NAYES:	None
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and an extension was granted to present demonstrable progress on the exterior and interior with the expectation that the house be finished to meet required codes in six to nine months with an update to City Council in six months.

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MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

Water Forum Series. Mr. Bobby Stevens, 3801 108th Avenue S.E., said he had attended the meetings held on the Water Forum and expressed concern that the audience was not able to hear all of the presentations. He asked when the questions listed at the meetings were going to be answered. He said he was glad the citizens were being included in these discussions. He said he had recently received a newsletter from the City of Norman and asked why the information about the Water Forum Series was not included and why there had been nothing informing east side citizens about the meetings. He asked if the Absentee Shawnee Tribe or Pottawattamie Nation had been notified.

Mayor Rosenthal said she would ask the speakers to talk loud enough to be heard by the audience. She said many of the questions that are asked at the forums are answered that evening but those that are not answered are put on the list to be answered at future discussion. She said notice of the meetings is provided through the news media and a news information e-mail list that the City maintains. She said the City would double the effort to make sure the word gets out.

Miscellaneous Discussion, continued:

Mr. Steve Lewis, City Manager, said in order to improve communication with the citizens, the residents received a first edition of a City-wide newsletter in the month of December. He said the newsletter allows the City to update the community on major happenings in the community and also dedicates major space in each quarterly newsletter to evolving public policy issues facing the community. He said the first newsletter focused on transportation issues because at that time, the City Council had identified major policy issues and it was a major issue listed in our Citizen Survey. The second quarterly newsletter is being developed now and water resources will be one of the major focuses of that newsletter.

Mayor Rosenthal encouraged citizens to continue to attend the Water Forum Series.

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Stormwater Master Plan. Mr. Bobby Stevens, 3801 108th Avenue S.E., said he would like information to be sent to the citizens on the east side of Norman giving information about the Stormwater Master Plan.

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Cox Cable. Mr. Bobby Stevens, 3801 108th Avenue S.E., said he was wondering if the towers that would be used for the proposed new tornado sirens could be used by Cox Cable to extend their service to the east side.

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Bicycle Routes. Mr. Roger Gallagher, 1522 East Boyd Street, said twice last week he had observed on two busy streets designated as bicycle routes, a bicyclist traveling 10 miles per hour with a trail of cars behind him because there is no room to pass. He said this is a tremendous impediment on busy streets and there was bound to be an accident. He encouraged the Bicycle Committee to designate streets that are not busy thoroughfares as bicycle routes.

Mayor Rosenthal said the Bicycle Advisory Committee will be encouraged to look at this. She encouraged Mr. Gallagher to meet with Shawn O'Leary, Director of Public Works, after this meeting to get more information about the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

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More Light Industrial Jobs in Norman. Mr. Mark Campbell, 2821 Dewey Avenue, said he was concerned about crime in Norman. He said he would like the City to pursue light industrial jobs and encourage businesses with second and third shifts because retail jobs are busy during the same time of day and causing more traffic congestion which could spread out if more shift work was available. He said those working retail cannot expect to afford a home, college, etc, which could result in more crime. He said rather than pursuing economic development heavily in one area, the City should pursue a combination of different types of jobs.

Councilmember Cubberley said we participate through contribution to Norman Economic Development Coalition (NEDC). He said we had been criticized in the past for this participation but NEDC is there to attract those industrial jobs. He said the expansion of the Hitachi Plant will create new jobs through the efforts of NEDC and others in the community but reminded everyone that the police are paid for by sales tax revenue and the City of Norman needs sales tax generation and good paying jobs for everyone in the community.

Councilmember Quinn said several Councilmembers attended the Hitachi Expansion Groundbreaking Ceremony. He said the Governor and the Secretary of Commerce gave their time to attend and spoke very highly of the efforts of the City of Norman, NEDC, the University of Oklahoma, and the State of Oklahoma. He said he was very pleased the group stayed in Norman instead of locating in Indianapolis.

Mayor Rosenthal said she had also attended the groundbreaking ceremony and it was not only the additional 75 new jobs that are being created with the expansion, it is the 300 jobs that are being retained in Norman with the addition of a 200,000 square foot international distribution center for North and South America. She said this is a very unique intergovernmental partnership with NEDC, the State of Oklahoma, Cleveland County, and the City of Norman all coming together for a very positive benefit for our community.

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Miscellaneous Discussion, continued:

School Zone Enforcement. Mr. Ann Gallagher, 1522 East Boyd Street, applauded the Police Department for providing an increased presence in school zones. She said she is thrilled that they are looking out for the safety of the kids.

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Traffic Tickets. Mr. Atilla Balazs, 1021 Idaho Street, said one of his friends had just gotten out of jail because he had been cited for having no tail light or head light on his bicycle and for public intoxication. He said his friend was charged \$500 for each ticket pertaining to the bicycle and the ticket for public intoxication was less than either one. He said he did not understand this and wanted to bring that to Council's attention.

Mr. Phil Cotten, Police Chief, said he would check with the Legal Department and Municipal Court regarding this issue and report back to him.

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Police Patrol. Councilmember Atkins said he had an opportunity to ride with Police Officer Derek Hopkins and other police officers for an eight-hour afternoon shift. He said it was quite an enlightening to see the day-to-day operation on the street. He said they ran consistently call to call and during that time the police officers seemed to embrace the spirit of the Community Oriented Policing Program, the program developed under his predecessor, Bob Thompson. He said last year the Norman Police responded to over 7,500 calls in Ward One. He said the improvements put into place through the Public Safety Sales Tax were evident and the police officers were looking forward to additional manpower to better serve the citizens. He said some of the officers in his ward were dealing one on one with apartment complexes to improve the living situations in some of the problematic areas and he had been quite impressed with his observations during the eight-hour shift. He encouraged Council to ride with the Police Officers to see the transformation that is occurring.

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Charter Amendments. Councilmember Kovach said the Oversight Committee's meetings regarding Charter Amendments had been discussed at the last Council Meeting and since Bob Thompson, who was previously the Oversight Committee Chair, is no longer on Council, he read excerpts from the Oversight Committee minutes of June 23 and November 4, 2009, pertaining to the charter amendment rescinding citizens' right to vote on water rates as it related to the City's participation in a Regional Water Trust and the time of said election as well as the challenges related thereto.

Councilmember Ezzell took exception with comments made at the January 12, 2010, Council Meeting and said in his experience politicians have a tendency to parse their words so they were not lying but not telling the truth. He made comments at the last meeting referencing the Public Water Forum Series surrounding the City's water supply issues and options and it was his opinion that certain conclusions had already been reached and the discussion was being used to drive opinion toward those conclusions despite assertions to the contrary. He said part of those discussions included the need for presentation to the voters of the proposed amendment to the City Charter repealing the provision that provides citizens the right to vote on all proposed utility rate increases and he had thought it was slated to come forth on a May election ballot. He said these opinions were based on his personal conversations with other Councilmembers including the Mayor, meetings that he had been in and from minutes he had reviewed from committee meetings that he did not serve on. He felt he made the mistake of discussing this and his comments were followed by comments by the Mayor implicating that his comments were unfounded, off base, or untrue. He said he did not believe this to be the case. He said the specific language used by the Mayor was "I know of no vote or election that has been called. As of today's date, no election has been called with regards to a May ballot issue." He said that is technically an accurate statement but he felt his comments were not that off base and had done some research to confirm his memory was not incorrect. He highlighted excerpts from City Council Oversight minutes regarding timelines discussed for a proposed Charter election because he felt the need to correct the mistakes that were made about where this body is headed with this issue.

Mayor Rosenthal said in one of Council's earlier retreats it had been a Council-wide decision to look at Charter provisions. She said as Council has met in Planning, Finance, and Oversight Committee meetings, the complexity of this issue coupled with the water questions made it very clear the importance of bringing our citizens into the process. She said there were discussions about a election in May and as this series of forums have unfolded, there would be no way an election could be held in May because the issues have to be explained fully and the community must be engaged in the discussion to prevent any premature decisions being made.

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Miscellaneous Discussion, continued:

OML Service Awards. Councilmember Dillingham said she always enjoys seeing City Employees being honored for being with one employer for 25 years, most of whom Council never sees or knows anything about. She said the City must be doing something right by creating a place where people want to work and she applauded all City Employees and thanked them for their service to the City.

Councilmember Griffith said he was pleased to see familiar faces when the employees were recognized this evening and it was very gratifying to know that we have a community that is worth spending that much time in.

Councilmember Cubberley said he really appreciated those employees who were honored this evening. He served on committees with some of the employees recognized and said they are hard working employees, provide a great perspective, and are great representatives of all City of Norman employees. He said they have provided and continue to provide great service many times under stressful circumstances and applauded those who have stayed with the City for so many years.

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Helping Others During Difficult Times. Councilmember Dillingham said as Council faces more bad news in one form or another in this economic climate, there have been so many citizens and City employees taking time to help others. She said when the United Way fell short of their campaign goal, people came forward, and she encouraged everyone to keep their eyes open and look out for one another.

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Black History Month. Councilmember Griffith said he was very moved by State Representative Wallace Collins’ comments about Black History Month. He said when he was a child, he had heard about a young lady not allowed to go to school in Little Rock because of the color of her skin and he couldn’t understand that and he still did not understand it. He said he was grateful that Norman sets the curve in changing history. He said he is grateful to be a part of this inclusive and diverse community because it provides the quality of life all of us enjoy in Norman and he is proud to have spent so many years in Norman and is a part of this group that helps make policy decisions that effect this quality of life.

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Shop Norman. Councilmember Quinn said sales tax revenue helps support the City and the retailers would just as soon not raise sales tax but the sales tax is what we live on. The public safety sales tax is what gives us the expansion of our police force and firefighters and we need to continue to “Shop and Eat in Norman”.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Councilmember Quinn moved that the meeting be adjourned, which motion was duly seconded by Councilmember Atkins; and the question being upon adjournment of the meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Councilmembers Atkins, Butler, Cubberley, Dillingham, Ezzell, Griffith, Kovach, Quinn, Mayor Rosenthal
NAYES:	None

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST: